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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, PGOV, SOPN, IS, US

SUBJECT: ISRAELI EMBASSY COMPLAINT ABOUT DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN'S REPORTED REMARKS

1. ISRAELI DCM BAR-ON CALLED AMBASSADOR ATHERTON  
LATE THIS AFTERNOON TO COMPLAIN ABOUT SEVERAL STATE-  
MENTS PARTIAL TO EGYPT ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN MADE AT  
NOON BRIEFING BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. HE REFERRED  
TO AP STORY BY BARRY SCHWEID. STORY CLAIMED THAT  
SPOKESMAN HAD FIRST "CONDEMNED" ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION  
AND EXPLOITATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND THEN  
REAFFIRMED CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT SADAT AS A PEACE-  
MAKER DESPITE HIS CALL TO EGYPTIAN TROOPS AT ISMAILIA  
TO BRACE FOR "BATTLE OF LIBERATION."

2. ATHERTON ASSURED BAR-ON THAT THERE WAS NO SUBSTANCE  
IN THE WAY SCHWEID HAD PORTRAYED THE REMARKS OF THE  
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SPOKESMAN. HE POINTED OUT THAT SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS  
WERE IN LOW KEY AND IN ANSWER TO SEPARATE QUESTIONS  
AND SHOULD NOT BE LINKED. ATHERTON READ BOTH ANSWERS  
TO BAR-ON, WHO AGREED THAT SCHWEID HAD SENSATIONIZED  
THEM, ALTHOUGH HE REMAINED UNHAPPY ABOUT SPOKESMAN'S  
REPLIES. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD SEEK TO CALM MATTERS

IN EMBASSY RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES BUT AP STORY  
WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS IN JERUSALEM.

3. FULL TEXT OF SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS ARE CARRIED IN  
DAILY PRESS TELEGRAM. VANCE

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